

JOSEPH BAILEY.

[To accompany bill H. R. No. 137.]

MARCH 5, 1840.

Mr. STEENROD, from the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, made the following

REPORT:

The Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Joseph Bailey, report :

That the said Joseph Bailey made oath in due form, and in open court, that he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated: that he enlisted as a private at Windham, New Hampshire, in the month of June, 1781, and served six months under said enlistment, in Captain Cherry's company, in Colonel George Reid's regiment of New Hampshire militia; was stationed at Dobbs's ferry, (part of the time,) Peekskill, and Albany; and was discharged at Saratoga in December, 1781, having served the term of his enlistment.

Mr. Bailey sustains his declaration by James McIlvaine, who is certified, both by the honorable D. A. White, judge of probate, and by Titus Brown, justice of the peace, to be a reputable person, and entitled to credit as a witness. He swears "that in the month of June, 1781, being then resident in Windham, in said State, [New Hampshire,] I enlisted, and afterwards served under said enlistment six months in the revolutionary war, in Captain Cherry's company, in Colonel George Reid's regiment, and was stationed part of the time at Dobbs's ferry, Peekskill, and Albany; and was discharged about the middle of December. Joseph Bailey, then of Pelham, in said State, now of Gloucester, in the State of Massachusetts, who is now present, was a soldier with me in the same company, and my messmate during the whole term of my said service. We were discharged at Saratoga."

It seems, from the record testimony of the service of the petitioner, that he did not serve the full term of six months, and could not be allowed by the War Department. He alleges, in answer to this, "that so soon as he enlisted, he went to Amherst, and passed muster, and the commanding officer allowed him one week to return home to prepare clothing, arms, and accoutrements. At the expiration of a week he returned to Amherst, where he joined the company, and marched the next day for Dobbs's ferry; thence to Peekskill; thence to Albany; thence to Saratoga, where he was stationed most of the time. He was discharged at Saratoga about the last of December, and marched for Pelham, where he arrived the 7th or 8th of January, 1782; having been absent from the time he enlisted at Pelham, till his return home, six months and ten days."

The committee think that the above explanation, taken in connexion with the positive proof by McIlvaine, justifies them in reporting a bill.

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